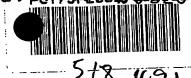
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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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Novelty (N)	Claims	1-23	YES
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Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-23	YES
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2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1 to 2, 4 to 8, 10 and 18 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 (JP 8-313325 A) cited in the international search report.

Document 1 discloses a control device for the highpressure fuel pump in an internal combustion engine that comprises a fuel injection valve, which is provided to the pressure cylinder, and a high-pressure fuel pump, which employs pressure to pump fuel to the aforementioned fuel injection valve, wherein the aforementioned high-pressure fuel pump comprises a pressurization chamber, a plunger that pressurizes the fuel within said pressurization chamber, a fuel passage valve that is provided within the aforementioned pressurization chamber and an actuator that operates said fuel passage valve; the aforementioned control device, which makes it possible to vary the amount of fuel that is discharged by the aforementioned highpressure fuel pump, comprises a means for calculating the drive signal for the aforementioned actuator; and said means for calculating the drive signal operates so as to output and to stop the drive signal for the aforementioned actuator only in cases when the input from an electric circuit falls within the predetermined phase that is set forth in the abovementioned claims (specifically, refer to paragraphs [0022] to [0023]).

In the control device for a high-pressure fuel pump that is disclosed in document 1, it is a prerequisite for the abovementioned drive signal to be output and stopped only when the input is within the predetermined phase that is set forth in the abovementioned claims, and it is clear that it is impossible to appropriately control the discharge of fuel from the abovementioned high-pressure fuel pump if the abovementioned drive signal is output and stopped during an entirely unintended phase other than the abovementioned phase. Meanwhile, in the technical field pertaining to the electronic control of an internal combustion engine, it is common practice to determine an upper limit and a lower limit for the calculated control value and to control so as not to exceed these limits in order to prevent control from being conducted under unintended inappropriate conditions. Consequently, it is merely a simple design change to incorporate the abovementioned common practice method into the control device for a high-pressure fuel pump that is disclosed in document 1 by determining an upper limit and a lower limit for the range of phases in which the abovementioned drive signal is output and stopped, and controlling so as not to exceed these limits in order to prevent the abovementioned drive signal from entering into an inappropriate numerical range. In addition, the amount of fuel that is injected via the fuel injection valve, the fuel injection timing, the ignition timing and the like can be changed according to the amount of fuel that is discharged from the abovementioned high-pressure fuel pump, as appropriate.

Claims 3, 9, 11 to 17 and 19 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2 (JP 10-288105 A) cited in the international search report.

Document 2 discloses a control device for the highpressure fuel pump in an internal combustion engine that comprises a fuel injection valve, which is provided to the pressure cylinder, and a high-pressure fuel pump, which employs pressure to pump fuel to the aforementioned fuel injection valve, wherein said control device comprises a means for calculating the drive signal for the actuator which operates the fuel passage valve that is provided within the pressurization chamber; said means for calculating the drive signal comprises a means for calculating a reference angle for the aforementioned actuator on the basis of the basic angle of the aforementioned actuator, the target fuel pressure and the actual fuel pressure, and a means for correcting lags in the operation of the aforementioned actuator on the basis of the rotational speed of the engine and the battery voltage; and the operation start time for the aforementioned actuator is calculated on the basis of the output signals in question (specifically, refer to paragraphs [0023] and [0035]).

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to employ the method for calculating the drive signal for the actuator which is disclosed in document 2, and, in the light of the abovementioned common practice method, to determine an upper limit and a lower limit for the range of phases in which the abovementioned drive signal is output and stopped in the control device for a high-pressure fuel pump that is disclosed in document 1. In addition, it would be within the scope of the common creative abilities of a person skilled in the art to set the upper limit and the lower limit for the abovementioned range of phases while taking the lags in the operation of the aforementioned actuator into consideration.

Claims 20 to 23 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 3 (JP 63-117147 A) cited in the international search report.

Document 3 discloses a control device for the highpressure fuel pump in a fuel-injected internal combustion engine, wherein the actual fuel pressure and the target fuel pressure are compared and the high-pressure fuel pump is made to pump in cases when the pressure differential is a prescribed value or greater and the aforementioned actual fuel pressure is lower than the aforementioned target fuel pressure, whereas the high-pressure fuel pump is stopped in cases when the pressure differential is a prescribed value or greater and the aforementioned actual fuel pressure is higher than the aforementioned target fuel pressure (specifically, refer to page 5, upper left column, line 14 to lower left column, line 12).

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to employ the method for controlling a high-pressure fuel pump which is disclosed in document 3, and, in the light of the abovementioned common practice method, to determine an upper limit and a lower limit for the range of phases in which the abovementioned drive signal is output and stopped in the control device for a high-pressure fuel pump that is disclosed in document 1. In addition, limiting the conditions under which the abovementioned high-pressure fuel pump is discharged or is prohibited from pressurizing, which are disclosed in document 3, to cases wherein the abovementioned pressure differential continues to be equal to or greater than a prescribed value for a prescribed period of time or more is merely a simple design change that can be configured with consideration of control stability and the like.



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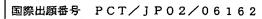
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2. 文献及び説明 (PCT規則70.7)

請求の範囲1-2、4-8、10、18は、国際調査報告で引用された文献1: J 2 8-303325 A により進歩性を有しない。

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文献1に記載された高圧燃料ポンプ制御装置において、上記慣用手段に基づき上記駆動信号の出力及び終了を行う位相範囲の上下限を定めるとともに、文献2に記載されたアクチュエータの駆動信号の算出方法を採用することは、当業者にとって容易である。なお、上記位相範囲の上下限を、上記アクチュエータの作動遅れを考慮して定めることは、当業者の通常の創作能力の発揮に過ぎない。

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文献1に記載された高圧燃料ポンプ制御装置において、上記慣用手段に基づき上記駆動信号の出力及び終了を行う位相範囲の上下限を定めるとともに、文献3に記載された高圧燃料ポンプの制御方法を採用することは、当業者にとって容易である。なお、文献3に記載された上記高圧燃料ポンプに全吐出又は加圧禁止を行わせる条件を、上記圧力差が所定値以上である期間が所定時間以上続く場合に限定することは、制御の安定性等を考慮してなし得る単なる設計変更に過ぎない。